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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 4/2/08

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 34-87

Identification of prior art discussed: Simpson/Sidwberg/Shinde

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

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Examiners Dixon + DeMille discussed potential modifications to the claim language to lead over the prior art made of record. Specifically, the addition of the varying height of the valve cover (p14, lines 22-25).

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